GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegations of making excess payments without deducting the QC recoveries/withheld amounts proposed by QC Inspection Teams for the works involved in (6) WP/CC cases, causing loss to the Govt. exchequer - Legal complications – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charge framed against Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, former EE, PR, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, now retired - Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 790 Dated: 10-10-2025

Read the following:-

1.Orders of High Court of A.P, dated 25.01.2022 in W.P.Nos.1702, 2361, 1514, 2068, 2226 & 4039 of 2022, filed by Sri Vellepu Bala Koteswara Rao and others, SPSR Nellore District.
2.Contempt Case Nos.1353, 1403, 1498, 1476, 1479 & 1409 of 2022, filed by Sri Vellepu Bala Koteswara Rao and others, SPSR Nellore District.
3.G.O.Rt.No.587, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.07.2022.
4.WSD, dated 25.07.2022 of Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, former EE, PR, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, now retired.
5.G.O.Rt.No.886, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.02.11.2022.
6.Letter No.CE/QAQC/NLR/2023, dt.30.09.2024 of Inquiring Authority.
7.Govt. Memo No.1786410/Vig.II/2022-5, dt.06.03.2025.
8.Representation, dt.13.05.2025 of Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, former EE, PR, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, now retired.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the references 1st and 2nd read above, it has come to the notice of the Government that Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired, has made payments for certain works executed by the writ petitioners and he made first payments in the year 2021 and second payments in the year 2022 to the petitioners without deducting the recoveries/withheld amounts proposed by the Quality Control Inspection Teams reports conducted on the said works and recommended for recoveries towards deficiencies in quality and quantity with regard to approved estimates. The said Quality Control reports were occurred prior to making payments by the Executive Engineer and thus caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.38,90,239/- (excess payment) in the works covered in (6) WPs and Contempt Cases.

2. Accordingly, in the G.O.3rd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired, by framing the following articles of charge against him under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:-

Charge:

That Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, has made certain payments for certain works executed by the Writ Petitioners and he made first payments in the year 2021 and second payments in the year 2022 to the Petitioners. But, he has made the above payments without deducting the recoveries proposed by the Quality Control Inspection Teams reports conducted on the said works and recommended for recoveries towards deficiencies in quality and quantity with regard to approved estimates. The said Quality Control reports were prior to making payments by the Executive Engineer and thus caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.38,90,239/- (excess payment) in the above (6) WPs and Contempt Cases. Hence charge.

Thus, the above Government Servant has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and acted for his personal gain and gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties and acted in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the G.O. 5th read above, Government appointed the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri A.J. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired, as not proved. In the reference 7th read above, Government have communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 for his representation, if any, on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, the charged officer has submitted his representation and accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and requested to drop the charge framed against him.

5. After careful examination, Government hereby drop the further action against Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired, in the disciplinary matter, as the charge framed against him is held as not proved in the inquiry.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri A.J.Ravi Kumar, the then EE, PR Division, Kavali, Nellore District, now retired. Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.

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The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M. for PR&RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SF/SC (1786410).

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